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ject and Report in Time for

Action by Congress.

Representatives of the domestic sugar in-

terest believe they have discovered a plan

which will eventually be adopted as the

most practical solution of the commercial

relations of the United States with Cuba,

This plan in brief is to pay the sugar

planter a direct bounty for every pound

of sugar he raises. This bounty to be paid

by the treasury of the United States out of

the moneys received from import duties on

The idea has been suggested to President

Roosevelt and has attracted his attention.

A detailed plan will be submitted to him

within a few days, in order that if it meets

his approval he can transmit it to Con-

gress. It is proposed to ask Congress to appoint a commission to thoroughly investi-gate the condition of the Cuban sugar in-

terest. This committee would comprise representatives of the financial and foreign re-

lations committee of House and Senate and representatives of the cane and beet sugars

of the United States, and would possibly also include several Cubans competent to

speak for the sugar planters of their island.

Commission to Report in Time for

Action.

It is suggested that this commission could

within a period of six weeks make a thor-

ough investigation of the subject in hand

and report in time for action to be taken

by Congress that would apply to the next

sugar crop of Cuba. A bounty of one-third

or one-half cent per pound paid directly to the sugar planters in Cuba would, it is asserted, afford all the relief necessary for

It is estimated that the sugar crop in Cuba this year will amount to 640,000 tons. A bounty of one-half cent per pound would

amount this year to something over \$7,000,-000; this is about 50 per cent of the duty collected last year on Cuban sugar alone. The domestic sugar interests, which are

fighting the sugar refining trusts, say that in this way the Cuban sugar growers would

get the direct benefit of concessions to be made by the United States, whereas if the

tariff on the import duty is reduced all of the benefit would go to the American sugar trust. They would have this bounty dis-tributed through the fiscal agents of the

government, who would ascertain the amount of sugar grown on each hacienda

and pay the money directly into the hands

of the grower.

The cane and beet sugar people in the United States have adopted this idea with

considerable vigor, for not only does it avoid disturbing the present tariff schedule, but defeats the alleged purpose of the su-gar trust to get cheaper raw material for

its refineries. Active work is now being

done during the holiday recess to put this plan into tangible shape for executive and

congressional consideration, and the high protectionists, as well as the practical poli-

ticians, who have steadily opposed any tariff legislation, will be depended upon to

W. Curtis Wakefield of New York

Takes Historic Mansion.

LONDON, December 27 .- W. Curtis Wake-

field of New York is the name of the

American who has leased Ditton Park, near

Windsor, for the coronation year. It is a

magnificent mansion, surrounded by a

broad, deep moat, which is crossed by a

single bridge through an embattled, arched

gate house. A park of 300 acres surrounds

the residence, which was the home of the

late Duchess of Buccleuch.

The agents of the estate hope that Mr.

Wakefield will ultimately purchase the

possible, the consolidation of the Northern

Pacific and Great Northern lines as con-

templated by the Northern Securities Com-

NELL CROPSEY'S BODY FOUND.

Remains Taken From River Near Her

SUFFOLK Va., December 27.-The body

of Ella Maud Cropsey, otherwise "Nell'

Cropsey, who has been missing since the

night of November 20, was found this

morning in Pasquatank river, near Kra-

mer Bros. and Company's mill, not far

from Justice Cropsey's home, in Elizabeth

Though decomposition has advanced the

identification of the body was complete.

The present indications are that the young

woman was drowned. Whether it was sui-

cide or murder is not yet positively known.

There is much excitement in Elizabeth

NEW YORK, December 27 .- A. G. Crop-

sey, the uncle of Nell Cropsey, who has

been missing from her home near Eliza-beth City, N. C., was notified today by a telegram from his brother, W. A. Cropsey,

that the body of the girl was found at Elizabeth City today.

BURTON OUT FOR ROOSEVELT.

The Ohio Representative Declares His

Preference for 1904.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 27 .- T. E.

Burton is out in an interview here today

declaring for the renomination of President

Roosevelt. In his interview in support of

the renomination of President, Roosevelt

Mr. Burton says: "Of course, the nomina-

tion is a long way off, but if one can judge

so far ahead from the present standpoint

Roosevelt will be the republican nominee

in 1904, and he will be a very strong can-

Coupled with this interview from the

chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors comes the announcement that Sen-

ator Hanna has decided to fight for the organization of the Ohio legislature, and

has prepared a slate in opposition to that

Czar Will Attend Coronation

LONDON, December 27.-It is said that

the ezar has accepted an invitation to at-

vided that the czarina is in good health at

tend the coronation of King Edward, pro-

the time of the ceremony.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star

pany, is assured.

City, N. C.

property.

give more or less support to the scheme.

for a time at least.

Cuban sugar.

WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1901-TWELVE PAGES.

TWO CENTS.

DISTRICT REVENUES

The Large Amount Exceptionally Expended in Recent Years.

LEGISLATION COMMISSIONERS DESIRE

A Pruning Down of the Local Esimates to Fit the Income.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

The District Commissioners continue to give a great deal of time and attention to the financial condition of the District in relation to its needs as they have presented them to Congress, and have good reason to believe that they will secure a satisfactory settlement of the whole matter. What is needed, the Commissioners say, is legislation to provide money for the extraordinary projects of improvement which can be repaid so far as the District's half is concerned out of its revenues through a long term of years. This legislation is immediately necessary because of the extraordinary expenditures taken wholly or in part out of the District revenues in the past ten years, and the fact that it is impossible to carry on extraordinary improvements out of the current revenues

here or anywhere else. But pending action on legislation by the District committees, if not by the two houses of Congress, the committee on ap-propriations of the House will only prepare for appropriations within the amount esti-mated by the Treasury Department as the probable revenue of the District of Columbia for the next fiscal year, namely, \$3,750,-000, together with a like amount to be ap-propriated from the general treasury.

To Scale Down Estimates. Accordingly, the subcommittee on the District of Columbia appropriation bill has asked the Commissioners to indicate what items shall be omitted or reduced in the estimates of over \$10,000,000, which they have submitted, in order to bring them

within the estimates of the Treasury De-The Commissioners having asked the boards and department chiefs of the Dis-trict government to inform them in writing as to which items in their estimates would be best omitted or reduced if it was necessary to do so, met in board session today to consider the whole matter and prepare for their appearance before the subcom-mittee on appropriations on the 7th of January. In complying with the request of the subcommittee on appropriations the Commissioners are dealing only with the first stage of the matter, and at the same time

are pressing the consideration of the larger

question of the general provision by legis-lation for the extraordinary expenditures

and projects of improvement.

Doubtless they will recommend that the subcommittee on appropriations leave these larger undertakings to be provided for later, so that the general operations of the District government may not be cripple made in the general regular appropriations. By the time the appropriation bill reaches the Senate it is believed that provision will have been made for providing the funds necessary for the extraordinary needs

of the District. Draining the District Revenues.

The way in which the District revenues statement which Commissioner Macfarland has had prepared by the auditor of the District. From this it appears that there has been paid wholly from District revenues \$1.426,777.12 for street extensions and \$27,-578.50 for miscellaneous purposes comprising Northern Liberty Market claims, \$134,-578.50; entertainment of Grand Army campment, 1892, \$90,000; bathing beach, 000. It also appears that in that time th District has paid, as its one-half, the fol-lowing amounts for extraordinary improvements, such as are provided elsewhere by bond issues: For increasing water supply, \$1,881,760.54; for the sewage disposal pro-ject, \$1,120,473.04; for the purchase of Rock Creek Park, \$627,000; for the purchase of National Zoological Park, \$100,000

This statement exhibits the striking fact, the District revenues were diverted from gneral expenses to extraordinary expendi-ture in the amount of \$5,383,689.20, and that of this amount \$1,654,355.62 was paid wholly and exclusively out of the District revenues. And these revenues for next year are estimated by the treasury at \$3,750,000. These figures show, it is claimed, that there is no necessity for increasing taxation in the District of Columbia in order to meet the needs of the District.

Army Orders.

Chaplain George Robinson, 1st Infantry has been relieved from duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and ordered to the Philippines for duty. First Lieut. Frank B. Hawkins, 27th In-

fantry, has been ordered to Plattsburg barracks, New York. Maj. James E. Macklin, 11th Infantry, and Capt. Hansford L. Threlkeld, 30th In-

fantry, have been ordered to recruiting duty at Indianapolis, Ind., and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. Lieut. Col. Charles H. Noble, 16th Infan-

try, has been relieved from recruiting duty at. Indianapolis, Ind., and ordered to San Francisco for duty.

First Lieut, David Baker, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty in the department of California and ordered to duty at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Capt. James B. Goe, 13th Infantry, has been granted an extension of leave for two months on account of sickness. Maj. Charles Byrne, 30th Infantry, now in New York city, has been relieved from

recruiting duty in that city and ordered to similar duty in Baltimore, Md. Lieut. Col. David B. Wilson, 25th Infantry, has been assigned to duty as acting in-spector general of the department of Missourt, relieving Capt. James B. Erwin, 4th Cavalry, who is ordered to join his troop. Second Lieut. Winston Pilcher, 14th Cav-alry, has been relieved from duty at Fort Thomas, Ky,, and ordered to duty at Fort

The Inspection of Meats.

In answer to an inquiry from the Secre tary of State, the Secretary of Agriculture replied that there is no foundation for the published report to the effect that microscopical inspection of meats intended for export has been discontinued. The Secretary of Agriculture wrote that, on the contrary, such inspection is to be continued as

Capt. Anderson Honorably Discharged Capt. Charles Anderson, assistant surgeon, U. S. V., has been honorably discharged from the service of the United States, to take effect February 19 next, he having been granted leave of absence until

Mr. Leishman Due at His Post.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 27.-John G. A. Leishman, United States minister to Turkey, who has been visiting the United States on leave of absence, is expected to arrive here on his return tomorrow.

SUGAR BOUNTY FOR CUBA WM. J. SEWELL DEAD

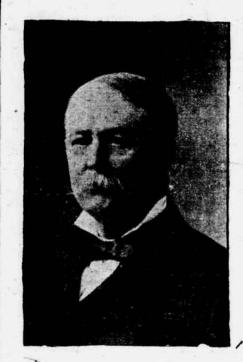
PROPOSITION WHICH HAS BEEN SUB-Senator From New Jersey Passed MITTED TO THE PRESIDENT. Away This Morning. A Commission to Investigate the Sub-

HAD SUFFERED A LONG TIME

End of a Distinguished Career as Soldier and Statesman.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

CAMDEN, N. J., December 27.-United States Senator William J. Sewell died at his home here at 9:30 a.m. today. He suffered from diabetes complicated with stomach and heart trouble. Senator Sewell's ilfness had extended over a period of two years, but his condition was not considered serious until about a year ago. His constant attention to the duties involving upon him in his official capacity resulted, in 1399. in a collapse. A trip to Europe was bene-



Senator W. J. Sewell. Photograph by Prince.

ficial, and he soon recovered sufficiently to resume his duties. Toward the end of the last session of Congress he developed a complication of diseases, and, acting on the advice of his physicians, again visited various health resorts in Europe.

Upon his return, his condition showing no improvement, Senator Sewell went to Asheville, N. C., where he remained two months. He returned to his home about four weeks ago, and for a few days : slight improvement in his condition was Within the past two weeks a sucof sinking spells greatly weakened him and compelled his physicians to abandon the hope of prolonging his life. death came the senator's family were gathered at his bedside. He had been unconscious for some time before the end. TRENTON, N. J., December 27 .- Gov ernor Voorhees and Adjutant General Oliconfer with the family of Senator Sewell in reference to having a military funeral. It is expected that the 3d Regiment, Camden Battery and the Newark Troop will be ordered out for the ceremonies. No orders will be issued until the governor's return The flag on the state house is already at half-mast because of the death of Treas-

EXPELS TITLED GAMBLERS. Senator Frye Notified.

Emperor Francis Joseph Enforces the No details concerning the arrangements Law is Austria. for the funeral of Senator Sewell of New VIENNA, December 27.-Emperor Francis Jersey have been received by Col. Rans-Joseph has ordered the expulsion from Ausdell, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate. He tria of the principals in the baccarat game was notified of Senator Sewell's death this of December 21, when, at the Vienna Jockey morning, and at once sent word to Senator Club, Count Potocki lost \$500,000 during Frye, who will appoint a committee of senthree hours' playing, Count Pallavicini attend the funeral. winning most of the money. Counts John and Joseph Potocki have retired to Russia. of the House of Representatives has also Gambling for large amounts of money is mittee. illegal in Austria.

The death of Senator Sewell will make vacancies on five committees of the Senate. He is chairman of the committee on en-TO PREVENT RAILWAY MERGER. rolled bills and a member of the committees on appropriations, immigration, military affairs and territories. His influence Mont., is Now Assured. on the committees with which he was con-HELENA, Mon., December 27.-Gov. nected was very great. His knowledge of military affairs, and especially of the militia organizations of the country, made him Toole has received a telegram from Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota to the effect that an authority on such matters. He was the conference of governors and other officials to be held in this city December 30, at propriations committee, having charge of which steps will be taken to prevent, if

legislative, Military Academy and pensions appropriation bills. Prominent Figure in New Jersey. For many years Senator Sewell had been the dominant figure in republican politics of New Jersey. He was recognized on all sides as the republican leader, and to him came all the minor politicians of the state as to a court of last resort for advice and decision. He was a man of indomitable energy. Two of his most notable charac-

teristics were his absolute frankness and his strong friendships. His word was absolutely as good as his bond in politics as well as in business. In political affairs if he could not do a thing he would say so outright, and if he could do it would be prompt in promising and unerring in fulfillment. He firmly insisted at all times on regularity in party affairs, and

During his service in Congress he was a hard worker, a regular attendant upon the sessions of the Senate, and looked carefully every way. He took little part in debates. but his influence was felt in other ways, and was by no means inconsiderable Senator Sewell was an Irishman by birth and came to the United States at an early age. His beginning in business pursu

had attained great prominence in financial circles in his state. At the outset he was a yard man on the West Jersey railroad. Subsequently he became president of that road, a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Rallroad Company and an executive officer in many of the Penn-sylvania allied lines. He was connected with the management of a number of banks, trust companies and philanthropic

Fought in the Union Army. When the civil war broke out he offered his services to the Union, and was commissioned as captain in the 5th New Jersey ed one, and he was brevetted brigadier general for distinguished services at Chancel-lorsville and major general for gallant serlorsyille and major general for gallant services during the war. He was wounded at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. After the war, when he became interested in railroad business, he also took part in politics. Between 1872 and 1878 he served in the New Jersey state senate, and was president of that body when his party was in power. In that body when his party was in power. In 1881 he was elected to the United States Senate as the successor of Theodore F. Randolph, and served until the close of his term in 1887. He was again elected to the United States Senate in 1805 to succeed John R. McPherson, democrat, and was re-elected in 1801. If he had lived his term would expire in 1997.

At the outbreak of the war with Spain

Senator Sewell was appointed major general, but at the unanimous request of the republican members of the Senate he did not take the field. When in Congress he was very much interested in all affairs relating to the military and to the militia.

SEEKS PRISON FOR SAFETY

ITALIAN PURSUED BY FRIEND HE HAD DEFRAUDED.

Rushes Into the Arms of Two Chicago Detectives and Pleads for Protection.

CHICAGO, December 27.-Angelo Scalfia, closely pursued by Antonio Segnio, rushed into the arms of two detectives in this city

and begged for protection. It was the sensational termination of a 4,000-mile man hunt in which Scalfia had been followed for three months and had visited the principal cities of the western states. Both were taken to the Harrison street station, where Segnio told a remarkable

story. Three months ago, he said, Scallia was arrested in Indian territory on the charge of illegally selling whisky. After spending a month in jail he appealed to Segnio, a friend and business man of South McAlester, and upon assurances by Scalita that the firm he represented would protect him, Segnio mortgaged all his property and across the harbor and went broadside furnished \$4,000 bonds to secure the release of his friend. Upon being released Scalila immediately disappeared.

The chase began and Scalila was followed from place to place until finally, tiring of the terrible strain, he appealed to the Chicago detectives.

cago detectives. When taken Segnio held a revolver in his hand, and, notwithstanding the fact his hand, and, notwithstanding the fact that if Scalfia is returned to Indian territory within five days his bond will be saved, Segnio declared his real object in pursuing Scalfia was revenge.

"I started to kill him; followed him for thousands of miles, and then, at the last moment he escaped," he said, "It is hard; I would not have it so."

Scalfia admits his identity and appears as Scalfia admits his identity and appears anxious to be surrendered to the United States

HEAVY DIAMOND ROBBERY

authorities to escape a worse fate.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF A CHAIN VALUED AT \$3,500.

Had Been Shipped by Shaw & Berry Company to New York Last Sunday.

The loss of a platinum lorgnette chain set with two hundred small diamonds and valued at \$3,500 was reported to the local police department yesterday afternoon by the jewelry firm of Shaw & Berry Company of 1101 F street northwest. It is alleged that the chain disappeared from a package expressed from here last Sunday night to the firm of Joseph Frankel & Sons, manufacturing jewelers, at 68 Nassau street. New York. The package was shipped by

the Adams Express Company. New York detectives and the detectives in the employ of the express company are working on the case. Until the matter !s fully investigated it will not be known whether the loss will fall upon the jewelry firm or the express company. Just when or where the theft was committed the police here do not know. Parties interested in the case refuse to discuss the affair. Mr Olive B. George, general agent of the Adams Express Company, is out of the city, and no one was on duty at the express of-

formation regarding the case. The package was shipped last Sunday afternoon, and yesterday the members of the jewelry firm ascertained from Ne York that the chain had disappeared.

At police headquarters Captain Boardman said he knew but little of the affair, while Detective Tyser, who had been detailed on the case, said he did not feel at liberty to tell what he knew. It was intimated that the seal on the package had been tam-pered with before it reached the establishment of the manufacturing jewelers in New

It is believed by those who are interested in the jewels that they have been taken by an expert, who had probably long con-templated such an attempt. It is said the seal was broken and the package was resealed, the impression being an imitation of the firm's seal, yet bearing evidence that

it was not the genuine stamp.

The package should have been delivered in New York Monday morning, but it was not turned over to the firm to which it was dispatched until some time during the afternoon of that day. Members of the firm of Shaw and Berry Company have been cautioned by the detectives who are working on the case against giving infor-mation concerning the transaction, and they declined to make any statement in regard to the alleged theft today,

OBJECT TO SALE OF ISLANDS.

Citizens of St. Thomas Make Demonstration and Ask Beforms. ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., December 27 .- A arge, orderly demonstration took place at Christiansted, Island of St. Croix, D. W. I., yesterday afternoon. Those who took part in it comprised representatives of the native, official and planting elements. Resolutions were adopted urging Denmark to introduce reforms and improvements in the Danish West Indian Islands, and to lift the islands out of the humiliations of the past. It was also set forth that the leading inhabitants of the islands, especially the natives of standing-merchants, planters and Danish subjects generally jemand that the islands be not sold, but that commercial, industrial and social reforms under the Danish flag be instituted. The resolutions express confidence that King Christian and his ministry will consider the demands

The procession, which was headed by bands of music, marched through Christiansted, carrying nine hundred flags and cheering for the king.

COPENHAGEN. December 27.—The petition against the sale of the Danish West Indies, without first submitting the matter to a plebiscite, referred to in these dispatches December 24, was presented yesterday to King Christian, the cabinet and the rigsdag. It bore 850 signatures.

FIRE IN STEAMERS HOLD. Valuable Cargo on Shimana Maru in

SEATTLE, Wash., December 27. Nippen Yuzen Kaisha liner Shinano Maru s afire at Port Townsend. Meager details of the conflagration, which is raging in the hold, arrived last night by the steamer North Pacific. The Shinano left this port for Yokohama a week ago last Wednesday with several thousand tons of cotton and general freight. She put back from sea and yesterday arrived at Port Townsend flying gine at the May street crossing. signals of distress. The storm made all fear to go out to her until the British vice consul chartered the tug Wildwood and went to her. He was told that she was aftre, and gave the news to the North Pacific, then on her way to Seattle. The Shinano took out the most valuable oriental cargo ever sent from this port.

Steamship Arrival.

At New York—Patricia from Hamburg.

COAST STORM-SWEPT

Furious Gales Raged From Vancouver to Seattle, Wash.

MUCH DAMAGE TO SHIPPING

Astoria, Oregon, Also Visited by Terrific Winds.

BLIZZARD AT SALT LAKE

VANCOUVER, B. C., December 27 .- The worst storm for several years struck Vancouver at midnight Wednesday and continued all day Thursday. Great damage was done, especially to small shipping, the total loss being estimated at about \$100,000. The steamer Aorangi, coming in from Australia, lay in English bay all night and got her anchor foul of the Canadian Pacific cable to Victoria, the end of which is now lost. The cable station was wrecked by storm and logs piled against it. The bark Elizabeth Nicholsen dragged her anchor against the Hastings Mill wharf. She broke the copper sheathing over her bows, but no holes were stove in her. The bow of the steamer Active was carried right onto the wharf and the vessel considerably damaged. Fifteen small steamers went adrift and were all more or less damaged.

Wreckage has been picked up in the gulf, including several cases of Alaska Packers' Company salmon marked, "Todd, Icy Pass." These are thought to be either from a southbound Alaska steamer or from the Mainlander. The latter has not arrived, and no news here as to whether she left Seattle on time last night or not. The Storm at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., December 27 .- Thursday night's storm did much damage and endangered many lives in this city. Along the north end of the water front where wind and wave had full sweep at high tide breakers washed away eight houses. Floating driftwood battered these to match wood The occupants barely escaped. On North Broadway a little cottage was overturned. No one was injured. High water on the Duwamish river added to the complexity of the situation. Wires are down all over the city. The highest velocity of the wind was thirty-five miles an hour. ASTORIA, Ore., December 27.-The worst

storm of the winter prevailed along the coast last night, doing much damage to Blizzard at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE, Utah, December 27 .- The storm, which has been raging throughout

the northern intermountain country, struck Salt Lake last night with a suddenness and rapidity and attained a velocity of fully ing snow storm, which raged with a fury of a blizzard for more than two hours.

SENATOR DANIEL IN ILL-HEALTH. He Will Probably Resign Seat in Con stitutional Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., December 27,-The rumor is again current here that Senator John W. Daniel intends to resign his seat in the constitutional convention in order that he may resume his duties in the United States Senate after the expiration of the holiday recess. Senator Daniel has not been to Richmond since the recess of the convention in August last, and it is not believed that he will return. His health has been bad for several months, due to the the committee on suffrage.

will be two members who are state officials in the body-Wm. A. Anderson of Rock-bridge, who was elected attorney general ast November, and D. Q. Eggleston, recently elected secretary of the commonwealth. Mr. Eggleston represents Charlotte county in the convention.

The inauguration of Governor-elect Mon ague will take place at noon on Wednesday next. There will be no parade or cere monies of any kind, save those in the hall of the constitutional convention. oath of office will be administered in the hall by President Keith of the supreme court of appeals. Gov. Montague will deliver a short address and go at once to the executive mansion. He is already receiving applications for appointment on his staff, the posi-tion being wholly honorary.

PRESIDENT IS INTERESTED.

Personally Anxious to Make Success of Olympic Games. PARIS, December 27.-Baron Coubertin president of the Olympic games, has just received a personal letter from President Roosevelt in reply to the invitation sent to the latter, asking him to become president of the Olympic games to be held in Chicago during the year 1904. Mr. Roosevelt says he will lay the whole matter before the cabinet and that so far as he himself is concerned, he takes the keenest interest in the undertaking and will do his atmost to make the meeting at Chicago as successful as the last one, held at Athens. Mr. Roosevelt's letter is couched in the warmest terms. He referred to Baron Couworks on sports, with which the President showed acquaintance.

ed by Mr. Roosevelt's kindly reference to himself, said the President's acceptance would, in view of his enthusiastic support of all manly sports, cause the greatest pleasure to all concerned in the games.

JEFFRIES READY TO FIGHT.

Willing to Meet Winner of Sharkey. Maher Bout. DENVER, Col., December 27.-The News today says: Jim Jeffries will meet the winner of the Sharkey-Maher bout in this city in either March or April. When Jeffries was here he was asked by local promoters if he would consent to such a match and he stated that he would. A letter has since been received in which he expressed a strong desire to meet the winner of the fight, which takes place in Philadelphia.

GROUND UNDER CAR WHEELS. . W. Taylor and W. A. Kent Killed at

ST. LOUIS, December 27.-John W. Taylor, chief engineer of the Terminal Railroad Association, and Wm. Austin Kent, whose home is in Louisville, Ky., were ground to death beneath the wheels of a Wabash switch engine in North St. Louis from a swiftly moving motor car, which threatened to collide with the switch en-

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 27.-Dis patches from Salonica report that W. W. Peet, treasurer of the missionary society in Constantinople, has established com munication with the brigands who hold Miss Ellen M. Stone captive, and hopes that the release of Miss Stone will be ac-complished within a fortnight.

HAD BEEN GIVEN LEAVE OF AB-SENCE FOR ILLNESS.

DEATH

Showed Nerve When Commanding the Adams at Apia-First Governor of Guam.

The Navy Department this morning received the following telegram from Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, commanding

the Boston navy yard, dated today: "Captain Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., died this morning at Marine Hospital, Chelsea." Captain Leary was the first governor of Guam after that island came into the pos-

session of the United States. Captain Leary was relieved of command of the receiving ship Richmond last October on account of heart trouble and granted six months' leave of absence.

Captain Leary was always held in high regard by his fellow sailors because of the nerve he showed in the presence of two German warships in harbor of Apia, Samoa, during the stirring times which wound up in the tremendous hurricane that wiped out the German and American navies in those waters in 1889. Leary was in command of the little Adams, a third-rate vessel of antique type, and, finding the Germans



Capt. R. P. Leary. Photograph by Clinedinst.

about to forcibly interfere in support of their own candidate for the Samoan chieftainship, he cleared ship for action, first placing himself in position to command either approach, and forbade any interference. He was not molested, and remained at his post fury that was startling. From a dead calm the wind increased with remarkable

He was a unique figure as the first ruled as he would his crew on shipboard. breaking up immorality by obliging the natives to marry; calling upon the men for a certain amount of work every week, and even prescribing the minimum number of ouitry which should be maintained in each

Captain Leary was appointed from Mary and, and entered the naval service in 1860. He commanded the San Francisco during he West Indian campaign of the Spanish-American war.

CASES LIKE MACLAY'S. Two Men Who Were Summarily Dis-

missed. The dismissal of Edward S. Maclay from service in the Brooklyn navy yard, because of his abuse of Rear Admiral Schley in the history of which he was author, has brought to the mind of the civil service commission a number of instances where persons in the government service were discharged under like conditions and without the formality of serving charges and permitting a hearing.

Several years ago Milford W. Howard was a clerk in the Treasury Department. He wrote a book, "If Christ Came to Congress," which was considered objectionable. He was discharged from the service. At this time, however, the rules did not require that specific charges be made. Howard, who was from Alabama, was afterward sent to Congress from his district. In the case of Benjamin F. Snell, who

was hanged for the murder of Lizzle Weisenberg, a condition analogous to that of Maclay's came before the civil service comrission. The question as to whether or not charges should be preferred was discussed at length by the members, and it was de cided that such course was not necessary The reasons for his dismissal were perfectly apparent to the public and to the govern

GOING TO NEWPORT NEWS.

Launch of the Missouri.

Naval Officials Who Will Witness the

A distinguished party will leave here this afternoon for Newport News to attend the launch of the battle ship Missouri at the shipyard of the Newport News company tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. It will include Secretary Long, Secretary Gage, Secretary Hitchcock, Admiral O'Nell. chief of the bureau of naval ordnance, and a large number of senators and representa-tives and naval officers. Secretary Long's party will go by train, as will many others, but a number will make the trip by steamer.

COUNTING LENGTH OF SERVICE.

Ruling by Controller Tracewell on Enlisted Men.

The controller of the treasury has informed the Secretary of War that an enisted man granted a furlough for the purpose of accepting a commission in the volunteer service, and who resumes his place in the regular enlistment within three months from the time of his muster-out and discharge as a commissioned officer of volunteers, is entitled to count all the time served as "an enlisted man" as continuous service for the purpose of computing increase of pay and the thirty years for re-tirement, but that the time served as 'a ommissioned officer" cannot be counted

Gen. Syaulding's Case.

It is said on good authority that the condition of General Spaulding's health will probably result in his transfer to a suitable climate where he can continue his valuable services to the treasury. In this event he will be succeeded as assistant secretary of the treasury by Converse J. Smith, the spe-cial agent of customs having charge of the entire New England district. Mr. Smith is regarded as an expert in customs work, and as an able man, fully qualified in every way for the position of assistant secretary

Capt. Andresen Given Sick Leave. Capt. Charles G. Andresen, U. S. M. C., has been detached from command of the marine guard of the battle ship Illinois and granted an extension of sick leave for two months.

OF CAPT. LEARY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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Secretary Wilson to Remain in the Cabinet.

NO TRUTH IN STORY OF COBURN

Secretary Long to Be the Next to Leave.

CIVIL SERVICE TALK

Notwithstanding official announcements from the White House that Secretary Wilson will remain in the cabinet, there continue to be publications of other men succeeding the Secretary of Agriculture. One of these makes its appearance today from the west. It asserts with much positiveness and plausibility that F. D. Coburn, secretary of the state board of agriculture of Kansas, has been selected to succeed Mr. Wilson. Although cabinet changes are coming rather fast, there is no ground here for believing that Mr. Wilson is to leave the cabinet now or even in the near future -certainly not by the desire or seeking of

the President. Mr. Wilson, himself, is not known to have any inclinations to leave the cabinet circle. The Kansas friends of Mr. Coburn are therefore believed to be decidedly premature. The Coburn story has several times before come out of the west, as far back as a year or more ago, and at a time when there was not the slightest likeli-hood of Mr. Wilson withdrawing himself from official life.

Secretary Long Next to Go. The probability, well understood in White

House and departmental circles, is that Secretary Long will be the next cabinet officer to retire from his post. His desire to leave Washington dates back to some time prior to the assassination of President McKinley, and the latter was aware of Mr. Long's wishes. Secretary Long has postponed his intentions so as to leave no foundation for the stories that would have been occasioned by his hasty exit under the new administration.

Some of the stories have made it appear that Secretary Long's relations with the President were not cordial, and early re-tirement would undoubtedly have given these stories a basis of credit. Secretary, Long has again extended the time he had fixed for retirement because of fresh newspaper attacks on him and demands for his resignation. He has told his friends he will not retire under fire.

After Secretary Long has left the adminstration the prospective changes would include Secretary Hay and Secretary Hitchcock, but these may be some time off.

Secretary Root is the President's closest friend in the cabinet. Next to him in favor is Mr. Knox, who really hates of-ficial life and who has no political ambi-tions. Mr. Knox came into the cabinet beed him, and his admiration for the President was such as to prevent his re-fusing the offer to succeed Mr. Grigge. Following the death of Mr. McKinley, Mr. Knox expected a time to come when he could go back to private life and to his big and profitable law practice in Pittsburg. His businessifke handling of official matters and his deep knowledge of the law at once impressed the new President, with the result that Mr. Knox will probably find that the President will not permit him to

leave the Department of Justice Representative Bowersock of Kansas was at the White House today. He said that he had no knowledge of Mr. Coburn's probable connection with the cabinet, but the people of Kansas would undoubtedly be for Mr. Coburn for the position in case of a va-

cancy in the Department of Agriculture. A Cabinet Meeting Reference. At the cabinet session today reference was made to the Coburn story, but the most emphatic statement was made by the President that he intended to hold Sec retary Wilson in the official family. All the cabinet members acquiesced in this view, and later expressed the opinion that Mr. Wilson is one of the fixtures of the cabinet in this administration, the President being exceedingly appreciative, it is

said, of Mr. Wilson's work at the head of his department. More Civil Service Talk.

The cabinet meeting was short and productive of little business except an interesting talk about putting a number of clerks under the civil service. The class of clerks now under consideration for the protection of the civil service laws are those who obtained temporary employment in the There are a large number of these in the War Department, some in the Navy Department and a considerable number in the Treasury Department. The Secretary of War has recommended that these clerks, or at least a certain portion of them, be made permanent.

Secretary Gage feels that this should be lone about the clerks in his department, In the treasury there are thirty or forty on the internal revenue rolls, a considerable number in the office of the auditor for the War Department and a number in the of-fice of the auditor for the Navy Department and register of the treasury Most of these clerks have had over three years' experience, and are considered by the President as able to be of good service to the government. The only question in the President's mind is whether he has power to incorporate these clerks by civil service order or whether the power rests with Congress. He is going to investigate the question, and if it is within his power he will issue an order putting a large num ber of temporary clerks on the permanent rolls of the government. In the case of the clerks in the internal revenue bureau the repeal of the war revenue taxes would throw many of them, probably all, out of work, but if they should be placed under the civil service now they would be eligible to appointment

in other departments. Gov. Shaw's Coming.

It is said today to be quite likely that Governor Shaw will not enter upon his management of the Treasury Department earlier than the middle of February or 1st of March. The President has been of the impression that Secretary Gage desired to retire about that time, and has evidently informed Governor Shaw that he will be wanted along about one of these dates. The President is said to be exceedingly sorry that Secretary Gage is going to leave the treasury and has repeated his feelings to a number of his callers.

Col. H. M. Porter of New York was at the White House today and filed an application for the position of commissioner of immigration at New York to succeed Commissioner Fitchie, who is said to be slated for retirement. Col. Porter married a niece of Gen. John C. Fremont, and is the president of the Fremont Memorial Association

Dined by the President. President Roosevelt last night entertal ed a party at dinner. The guests were Secretary Root, Attorney General Knox, Gen. Randolph, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Senator Lodge and Justice Clark of New

Gen. Barr Visiting the City. Gen. Thomas A. Barr, U. S. A., retired, is

heretofore. The inquiry of the Secretary of State was made for the benefit of the diplomatic representatives of foreign govern-ments in the city who desired to inform their governments of the true state of the